

# A FEW FACTS

RELATING TO

## THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

These Missions operate upon the heathen proper, and embrace as their fields of labour India and South Africa.

**Origin of the various Missions.**—THE BENGAL or EASTERN INDIA MISSION was founded in 1830, by Rev. Dr Duff, the first missionary sent to India by the Church of Scotland; the BOMBAY or WESTERN INDIA MISSION in 1823, by missionaries in connection with the Scottish Missionary Society, and was transferred to the Church of Scotland in 1835—the Rev. Dr Wilson having joined the Mission in 1829; the MADRAS or SOUTHERN INDIA MISSION in 1837, by the late Rev. John Anderson; the NAGPORE or CENTRAL INDIA MISSION in 1844, by the late Rev. Stephen Hislop. The KAFFRARIAN MISSION was founded by the Rev. Messrs Thomson and Bennie in 1821, in connection with the Glasgow Missionary Society, and was transferred to the Free Church in 1844—the Rev. John Ross, the present senior missionary, having joined the Mission in 1823; the NATAL MISSION was transferred to the Free Church in 1867; the GORDON MEMORIAL MISSION, through the munificent liberality of Lady Aberdeen and the other members of the Aberdeen family, is in course of being established by the Rev. Dr James Dalzell, the site, in all probability, being in some unevangelised region of the Natal colony.

**Christian Agency.**—The total number at present in the field is 226, of whom 177 are in India and 49 in Africa. Of the whole number, there are 20 European and 10 native missionaries in India, and 8 European missionaries in Africa—the rest being engaged as catechists, Scripture readers, teachers, &c.

**Native Churches.**—In connection with these, there is an aggregate membership of 656 in India and 1250 in Africa, of whom 50 adults in India and 79 in Africa were baptised or admitted on profession during 1870. The entire number admitted on profession since the commencement of the Missions, is 1144 in India and about 2350 in Africa. Besides communicants, there is a considerable body of baptised adherents. A hopeful beginning has been made in the direction of self-support.

**Institutions and Schools.**—In India, there are at the Presidency Seats, as well as at other important places, missionary institutions, one main object of which is to raise up a qualified staff of preachers and Christian teachers. These, with the other schools of the Mission, have an attendance of upwards of 8000 scholars, of whom 1860 are girls. In Africa, the pupils number nearly 1500, about the half being girls. At Lovedale, as in India, there is an Institution with a college department for those who propose to devote themselves to Mission work, and an Institution also for training female teachers. In all the schools divine truth is daily pressed on the attention of the pupils. The Female Schools in India and the Female Institution at Lovedale are supported chiefly by *The Ladies' Society*, no grants for that object being made from the general Foreign Missions Fund.

**The Funds.**—For the support of the Missions there was received, for the year ending 31st March 1871, from the congregations of the Church, £11,154, 0s. 10d., and as donations, legacies, &c., which last year were exceptionally large, £6,968, 16s. 0d. In addition, the Ladies' Society raised £2,951, 4s. 4d.; special contributions amounting to £743, 6s. 11d. were sent by friends direct to stations; European friends in India and Africa subscribed £3,941, 7s. 4d.; and there was contributed by the various native churches in both fields £504, 16s. 4d.; in all, £26,263, 11s. 9d. Government grants in aid for educational purposes were also received, amounting to £5,456, 1s. 3d., and school fees realised £4,073, 18s. 9d.

The *means* adopted for evangelising the heathen, in addition to the mission schools—which have proved one of the most successful of evangelistic agencies—are, the direct preaching of the Gospel in English and the vernaculars, missionary itineracies, medical missions, household visitation, circulation of the Scriptures, &c.

These agencies, as regards India, are at work in the great cities, as well as in such *rural* districts as Chinsurah and Mahanad in the Eastern, Jalna and Indapur in the Western, and Nellore and Chingleput in the Southern Presidency, and also among uncivilised but unsophisticated hill and jungle tribes, such as the Waralis, Gonds, and Santals.



# STATIONS AND CHRISTIAN AGENCY.

(1871.)

## BENGAL, or EASTERN INDIA.

CALCUTTA.—*Ordained Missionaries*—J. Murray Mitchell, LL.D.; William C. Fyfe; K. S. Macdonald, M.A.; James Robertson, M.A.; Guru Das Maitra. *Professor of Mathematics, &c.*—Martin Mowat, M.A. Fourteen other Agents.

CHINSURAH.—*Ord. Missionaries*—J. S. Beaumont; Prasanna K. Chatterjya. One native teacher.

MAHANAD AND EIGHT OUTSTATIONS.—*Ord. Missionary*—Jagadishwar Bhattacharjya. Four other Agents.

CULNA AND FIVE OUTSTATIONS.—*Catechist*—Baikantha Nath De. Two other Agents.

BANSBARIA.—*Teacher*—A. K. Bhattacharjya.

PACHAMBA (SANTAL MISSION).—*Ord. Medical Missionary*—Arch. Templeton, M.B. Three other Agents.

## WESTERN INDIA.

BOMBAY AND TWO OUTSTATIONS.—*Ord. Missionaries*—John Wilson, D.D., F.R.S.; Richard Stothert, M.A.; John Small; Wm. Stephen; Dhanjibhai Nauroji. Eighteen other Agents.

PUNA.—*Ord. Missionaries*—J. W. Gardner; Robert Angus; Baba Padmanji. Fourteen other Agents.

INDAPUR AND JALNA AND ELEVEN OUTSTATIONS.—*Ord. Missionaries*—Narayan Sheshadri; Sidoba B. Misal. Twenty-five other Agents.

## SOUTHERN INDIA.

MADRAS AND THREE OUTSTATIONS.—*Ord. Missionaries*—William Miller, M.A.; William Stevenson, M.A.; G. M. Rae, M.A.; P. Rajahgopal; A. Venkataramiah. *Professor of Mathematics, &c.*—Wm. Ross, M.A. *Teacher*—Wm. Carslaw, M.D. Twenty-seven other Agents.

NELLORE.—*Ord. Missionary*—J. Macmillan, M.A. Two other Agents.

CHINGLEPUT.—*Ord. Missionary*—G. J. Metzger. Two other Agents.

## CENTRAL INDIA.

NAGPORE AND THREE OUTSTATIONS.—*Ord. Missionaries*—J. G. Cooper; D. Whitton. *European Teachers*—William Young; J. Dalziel. Thirteen other Agents.

CHINDWARA.—*Ord. Missionary*—James Dawson. Three other Agents.

## KAFFRARIA.

LOVEDALE AND SIX OUTSTATIONS.—*Ord. Missionaries*—James Stewart, M.D.; James G. Robertson. *Catechist*—J. Weir. *Teachers*—Andrew Smith; J. A. Bennie. Eight other Agents.

PIRIE AND FOUR OUTSTATIONS.—*Ord. Missionaries*—John Ross, A.M.; Bryce Ross. Seven other Agents.

BURNSHILL AND EIGHT OUTSTATIONS.—*Ord. Missionaries*—J. Laing. Ten other Agents.

CUNNINGHAM (TRANSKEI).—*Ord. Missionary*—Richard Ross. Five other Agents.

MACFARLAN AND THREE OUTSTATIONS.—*Catechist*—Alexander M'Diarmid. Six other Agents.

## NATAL.

PIETERMARITZBURG AND OUTSTATION.—*Ord. Missionary*—James Allison. *Teacher and Catechist*—John C. M'Laren. Two other Agents.

GORDON MISSION (Station not yet fixed).—*Ord. Medical Missionary*—James Dalzell, M.B., M.A.